Forest Industries, Travancore.

147. MR. P. T. CHACKO: Will the Honourable Minister for Labour be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether Government are aware that Forest Industries Travancore has resorted to a system of giving private contracts to defeat the provisions of the Factory Act by converting the labourers as employees of the private contractors; and

(*b*) have the Government taken any steps to protect the labourers from this?

HON'BLE MR. C. KESAVAN: (*a*) No.

(*b*) The question does not arise in view to answer to (a).

Bridges.

148. MR. V. K. VERGHESE (*Pathanamthitta III—General*): Will the Hon'ble Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether Government are aware that one bridge at Thumpamon—Kozhencherry road and another on Kulanada-Omalloor road are in complete damaged condition and that much inconvenience is caused to the travelling public at these bridges?

HON'BLE MR. A. ATCHUTHAN: Yes. Arrangements have been made for reconstructing the bridge in 7/4 Thumpamon-Kozhencherry road and for renewing the damaged planks of the one in Kulanada-Omalloor road.

Puthenchirai Parur road.

149. MR. PAUL THALIATH: Will the Hon'ble Minister for Public Works be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether he is aware that Puthenchirai (in Parur taluk) has no connecting road to Parur, the headquarters of the taluk;

(*b*) whether any petition has been received from the people of the locality stating the urgent necessity of a road connecting to Parur town; and

(*c*) if the answer to (*b*) is in the affirmative whether any action has been taken?

HON'BLE MR. A. ATCHUTHAN: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes.

Pattani thodu in Parur taluk.

150. MR. PAUL THALIATH: Will the Hon'ble Minister for Public Works be pleased to state:

(*a*) the amount provided in the Budget of 1123 for deepening the Pattani thodu in Parur taluk;

(*b*) the amount spent till 15-11-1123;

(*c*) the amount expected to be spent before the end of the year; and

(*d*) whether he is aware that this thodu goes right through the Parur town?

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